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AUGUSTA REGIONAL TRANSPORTATION STUDY
POLICY COMMITTEE MEETING
ROOM 802, MUNICIPAL BUILDING, AUGUSTA GEORGIA
THURSDAY, MARCH 26, 2009, 11:00 A.M.

AGENDA

1. Election of Officers
 - (a) Chairman
 - (b) Vice Chairman
2. Consider approval of the minutes of the Policy Committee meeting held on December 4, 2008.
3. Consider a request from the City of Aiken to approve the following projects as Special Studies.
 - (a) Hire a consultant for a study of the Dougherty Road (S-419) Corridor. The total project amount of \$90,000 would draw \$72,000 from WE 4.13 "Special Studies" in the FY 2010 UPWP to fund 80% of the project. The City of Aiken would match the remaining 20%, or \$18,000.
 - (b) Hire a consultant for a corridor study of SC Hwy 19 from Hampton Ave to Shiloh Church Road. The total project amount of \$125,000 would draw \$100,000 from WE 4.13 "Special Studies" in the FY 2010 UPWP to fund 80% of the project. The City of Aiken would match the remaining 20%, or \$25,000.
4. Consider a request from Aiken County to recommend an air shed boundary for the South Carolina side smaller than the Augusta –Richmond County MSA before EPA establishes new boundaries in March 2010. If approved, a letter of support from the ARTS will be forwarded to the Governor of South Carolina and South Carolina DHEC.
5. Consider the following amendments to the FY 2008 – 2011 Transportation Improvement Plan and Year 2030 Long Range Transportation Plan:
 - (a) Amend the Purpose and Need Statement for the proposed Silver Bluff Road widening project to include the term "corridor improvements" as recommended by SC DOT. The new sentence should read: "Silver Bluff Road should be improved for Operational, Safety, Corridor Improvements, and Intersection Improvements..."

- (b) The South Carolina Policy Subcommittee recommendation to add \$2,963,424.00 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds and add the following projects to be funded with the ARRA sub-allocation:
 - 1) List of various maintenance projects (see attached)
 - 2) List of various paving projects in North Augusta (see attached)
 - 3) Whiskey Road corridor improvement project in Aiken (see attached)
 - 4) West Avenue Extension and US 25 / Walnut Lane intersection projects in North Augusta
- (c) Add \$3,318,716.00 in Section 5307 Capital Assistance funds and \$150,000.00 in Section 5311 Capital Assistance funds for Augusta Public Transit. These funds have been allocated under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA)
- (d) Add \$8,600,000.00 in American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) funds for eligible transportation projects in the Georgia part of the ARTS area.
- 6. Consider approving the Final 2010 Unified Planning Work Program
- 7. Update on Special Studies Projects
 - (a) Regional Freight Study
 - (b) APT Transit Development Plan
 - (c) City of Aiken Corridor Studies
- 8. Update on Air Quality Initiatives
 - (a) Aiken County
 - (b) Richmond County
- 9. Status of Projects
 - (a) Georgia Highways
 - (b) South Carolina Highways
 - (c) Augusta Public Transit
 - (d) Aiken County Transit
- 10. Issues and Concerns
 - (a) Prior
 - (b) Current / New



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